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in a fresh and vital way to the questions which are claiming so much earnest and anxious thought, both in England and in the United States, at the present moment. But the scope of the work is much broader than might appear from the passages we have cited; being in fact, as its title indicates, a survey of the whole field of Christian ethics. There are many topics treated which cannot even be indicated within the compass of a brief review. We have called attention to those passages which seem to be of peculiar and pressing significance, in the hope that some may be moved to read for themselves a volume which, we are persuaded, has a distinct message for the needs of the present time.

WM. S. BISHOP.

A SOUTHERNER IN EUROPE. Being chiefly some old world lessons for new world needs as set forth in fourteen letters of foreign travel. By Clarence H. Poe. Raleigh, N. C.: Mutual Publishing Co. Second edition. 1909.

These letters, written from England, Scotland, France, Germany, and Italy, furnish brief but clear sketches of European life, customs, forms of government,—national and municipal,—and methods of agriculture. The object of the book is to compare conditions of life in the South with conditions in Europe and to deduce helpful principles applicable to our present needs. Though the comparison discloses in our Southern farm life a lower standard of living and a lamentable waste of natural resources, the writer maintains always an optimistic spirit, and in his final chapter on "How the South May Win Leadership," depicts in glowing colors the South's opportunity for growth in agriculture (as the only foundation on which we can build) and then in education, poetry, and art. The two greatest lessons Europe teaches us are, in his opinion, "(1) To care for our resources as Europe cares for hers, and (2) to educate our people as well as Germany educates hers." But the writer is alive also to the beauty, art, and poetry of Europe as well as to the conditions of commerce and agriculture. The book is full of keen, original observations of men and manners, and is characterized by a spirit of freshness, spontaneity, and fair-mindedness.